

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 8, 9, 11, 12, 38-41, 43, 44, 138 and 141 without disclaimer or prejudice to presenting them in this or a later-filed application.

Please amend Claims 1 and 34 as follows:

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1. (Twice Amended) A syringe comprising:  
a body comprising a distal discharge end;  
a plunger movably disposed within the body; and  
at least one agitation element comprising a casing and disposed within the body between the plunger and the distal discharge end, the at least one agitation element operable to agitate an ultrasound contrast fluid in the syringe when the syringe is moved to substantially maintain the homogeneity and integrity of the ultrasound contrast fluid without substantially impairing the diagnostic properties thereof.

34. (Twice Amended) A syringe comprising:  
a body comprising a distal discharge end;  
a plunger movably disposed within the body; and  
at least one agitation element comprising a gas surrounded by a cover and disposed within the body between the plunger and the distal discharge end, the at least one agitation element operable to agitate an ultrasound contrast fluid in the syringe when the syringe is moved to substantially maintain the homogeneity and integrity of the ultrasound contrast fluid without substantially impairing the diagnostic properties thereof.